

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Samuel SPRICH

Application No.: 10/505,437

Confirmation No.: 2311

Filed: September 24, 2004

Art Unit: 3721

For: DEVICE FOR POSITIONING SEVERAL
SHEETS IN A STAPLER

Examiner: N. C. Chukwurah

SECOND REQUEST FOR REFUND
(IMPROPER CHARGE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I. REFUND REQUEST

This is a request for a refund with respect to the charge to Deposit Account 02-2448 shown on the statement for the month of 11/2006 for the above-identified

☒ application ☐ patent

☒ A copy of the monthly statement in which the error referred to occurs, accompanies this request. Please also find enclosed copies of the original Request for Refund we submitted on December 3, 2007.

II. FEES CHARGED FOR WHICH REFUND REQUESTED

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TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED \$300.00

III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

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The USPTO refunded the Issue Fee in December 2007. However, the Publication Fee of \$300.00 was not refunded at that time.

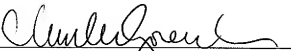
IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by crediting Account No. 02-2448.

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Dated: April 30, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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Deposit Account Statement

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Statement

Month: Nov-06

Deposit

Account

Number: 22448

Name: STEWART
KOLASCH &
BIRCH

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Address 2: SUITE 500

Address 3: EAST

City: FALLS

City: CHURCH

State: VA

Zip: 22042

Country: UNITED
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DATE	SEQ	POSTING REF TXT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NBR	FEE CODE	AMT	BAL
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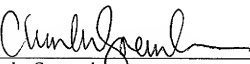
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09/24/2004

Samuel Sprich

2360-0418PUS1

2311

TITLE OF INVENTION: DEVICE FOR POSITIONING SEVERAL SHEETS IN A STAPLER

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	YES	\$798	\$300	\$0	\$1098	11/14/2006
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CHUKWURAH, NATHANIEL C		3721	227-156000			

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- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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Charles Gorenstein

Date November 14, 2006

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